

DRAWINGS

Rule "free shipping"

If

the shopping cart subtotal is over 50.00
the item qualifies for free shipping

then

exclude the item from shipping calculation

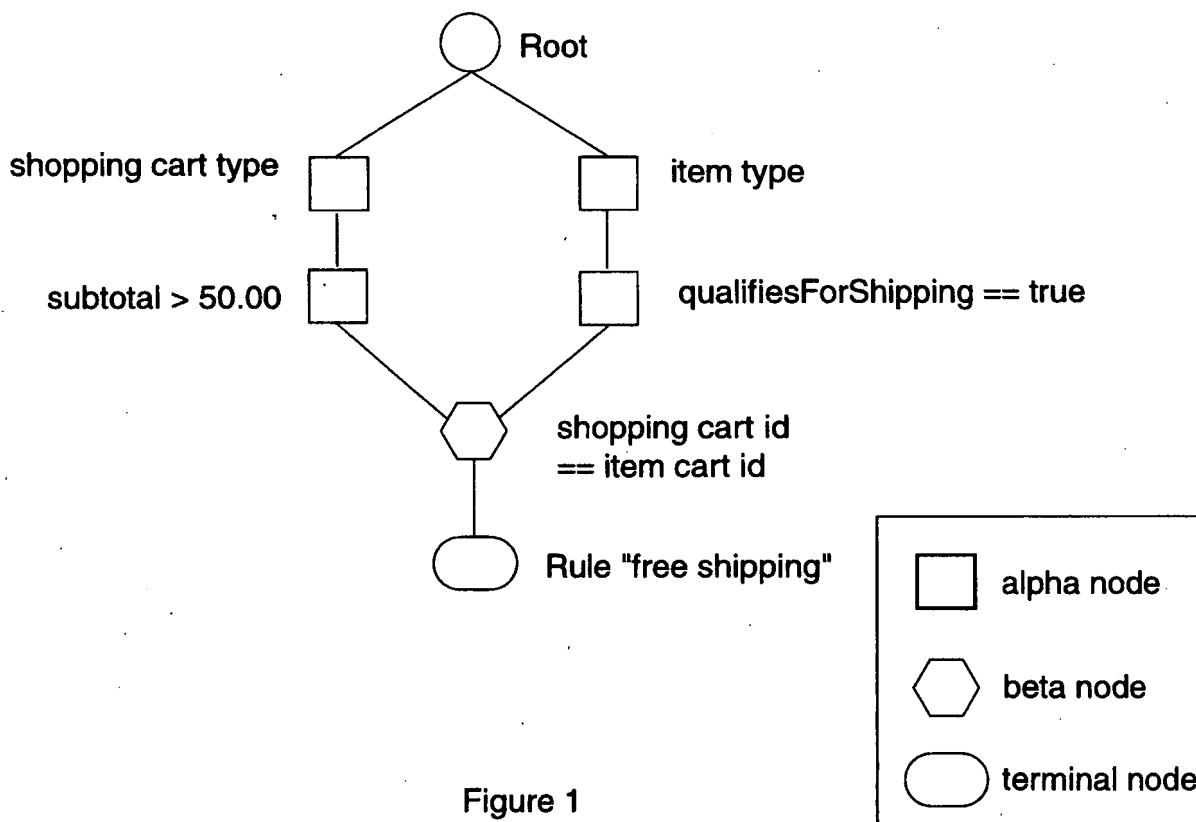


Figure 1

New Sheet

Data is partitioned over several rule engines

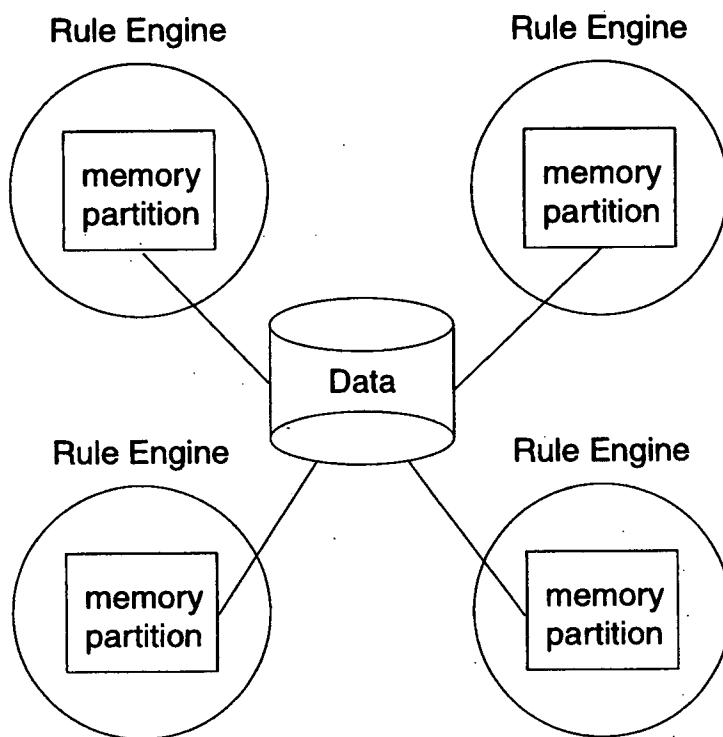


Figure 2

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1 and 2 input nodes are distributed to other rule engine instances at runtime. When facts are added to the application, the system distributes them for maximum efficiency.

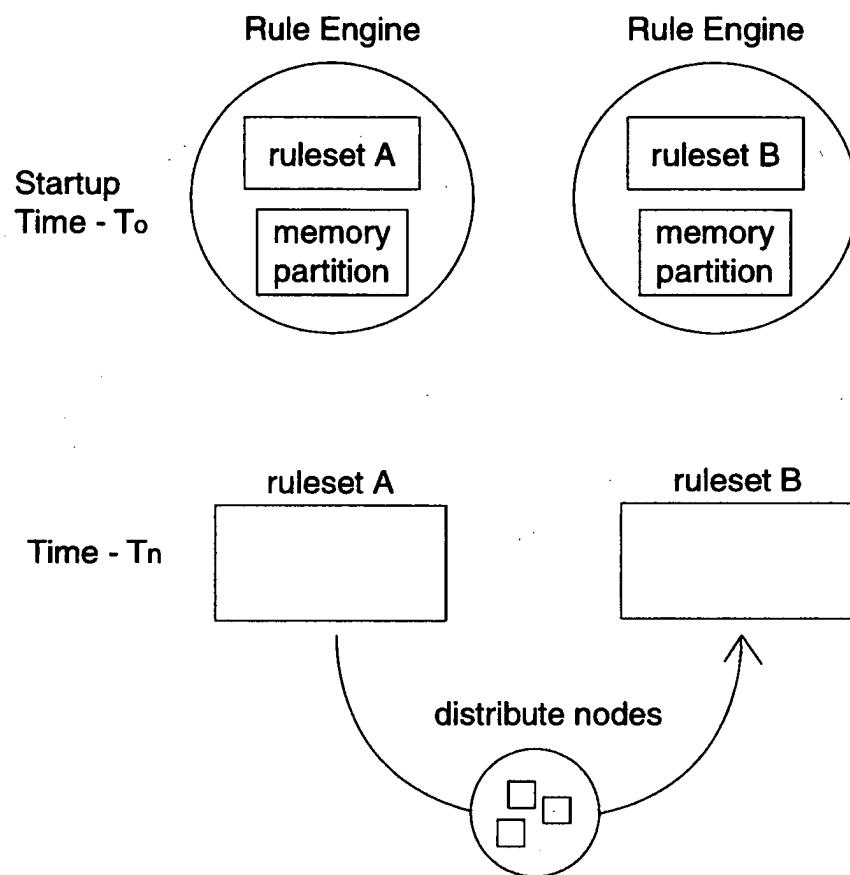


Figure 3